



Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS)

State of Arizona Tribal Liaison Year-End Report July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

This report provides summaries of the AZDOHS Tribal Liaison's outreach activities and special projects, including Tribal-specific funding program information throughout the fiscal year.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES / SPECIAL PROJECTS

1. Sept. 2012 - The AZDOHS Tribal Liaison attended the National Native American Law Enforcement Association Conference in Las Vegas Nevada. The event brought together Federal, Tribal, State and Local public safety agency representatives for three days worth of training on Law Enforcement, Homeland Security and Emergency Management topics affecting Tribal Nations. The AZDOHS Tribal Liaison networked with AZ Tribal representatives in attendance and gathered important information from them regarding what types of State coordinated training they would like to see and attend in the future. AZDOHS used this information to plan and execute future outreach events.
2. Nov. 2012 – The AZDOHS Director, Assistant Director, Law Enforcement Liaison and Tribal Liaison attended the Arizona Division of Emergency Management's and FEMA Region IX's Annual Tribal Preparedness Conference in Phoenix AZ. The purpose of this conference was to demonstrate best practices to Arizona Tribal Nations on the implementation of "Community Emergency Management" programs. AZDOHS presented at the conference on the topic of Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessments, a new requirement from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for preparedness grant funding.
3. Jan. 2013 – The AZDOHS Tribal liaison performed outreach to Tribal Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs, Emergency Managers and Grants Department Personnel from Tribal communities around Arizona to encourage them to attend the annual AZDOHS Grant Information Seminars held in the Northern, Central and Southern regions of our state. During these highly informative sessions, AZDOHS staff provided presentations on the grant application process, important deadlines and programmatic reporting requirements related to the State Homeland Security Grant Program.
4. Jan. 2013 – The AZDOHS Tribal Liaison attended an informational workshop hosted by the Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) regarding WebEOC. The purpose of this workshop was to provide training on the features of WebEOC, the state's electronic Emergency Operations Center platform and encourage Tribes to begin using this tool. A demonstration depicting the potential benefits of a Tribal specific board was given to those in attendance for use during emergency situations. ADEM plans to provide access to WebEOC to all tribes in Arizona so they can utilize the tool as their online emergency management communication system. The AZDOHS Liaison used this information to encourage Tribes to consider using WebEOC during future outreach events.
5. Jan. 2013 – The AZDOHS Tribal Liaison presented at the quarterly Arizona Legislative Native American Caucus meeting along with fellow State agency Tribal liaisons to give legislators a brief presentation on the services and resources their agencies provide to the Native American communities in our state. Legislators who have Native American nations in their legislative districts were in attendance and learned how State Agency Tribal liaisons help address issues on Tribal land.

6. Feb. 2013 - The AZDOHS Tribal liaison reached out to Tribes around Arizona by sending them grants related information regarding the U.S. DHS Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program open grant application period. The AZDOHS Tribal Liaison forwarded a packet of information such as application materials, helpful hints and tips as well as frequently asked questions that aided Tribes with their SHSGP grant applications.
7. Feb. 2013 – AZDOHS provided Homeland Security, Community and Tribal Preparedness information at the 18th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative day held at the AZ State Senate lawn. During the event, guests consisting of Arizona Tribal Leaders visited with various state agencies and vendors to learn about the services they offer. The AZDOHS Tribal Liaison provided Tribal leaders and their special guests informative brochures regarding Homeland Security and Emergency Management programs as well techniques for Tribes to enhance their ability to respond to and recover from manmade and natural disasters. In addition, beneficial grant information and tips on how to create Volunteer Emergency Response Teams was provided to those in attendance.
8. April 2013 – The AZDOHS Tribal Liaison provided an informational overview of AZDOH's Tribal Outreach activities and results to Arizona's Homeland Security Advisory Council (SAC). The purpose of this overview was to provide the SAC members examples of AZDOHS's collaboration with Tribes. The overview consisted of PowerPoint slides depicting past Homeland Security Informational Tribal seminars as well as the funding history for Tribes through the Homeland Security Grant Program and Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program. The presentation provided the SAC members an overview of the importance of Tribal outreach within Arizona.
9. June, 2013 AZDOHS performed their premier Tribal outreach seminar titled "2013 Homeland Security Information Seminar for Tribes." In collaboration with the Gila River Indian Community's Office of Emergency Management who hosted the seminar, AZDOHS performed a full-day seminar that was attended by over 100 representatives from 15 different Tribes in Arizona. AZDOHS partnered with subject matter experts at the Federal, State and Local levels to provide presentations that delivered a comprehensive homeland security informational seminar. The seminar was designed to provide insight on current homeland security issues, tips on resources and technical assistance available for Tribes, as well as exposure to the new programmatic requirements that Tribes are subject to when applying for Federal funding. AZDOHS invited law enforcement, fire and emergency management officials, grants and information technology personnel and encouraged them to network with the guest speakers to discuss homeland security issues affecting their community. Tribes in attendance included:

• Ak-Chin Indian Community	• Gila River Indian Community	• San Carlos Apache Tribe
• Cocopah Indian Tribe	• Hopi Tribe	• Tohono O'odham Nation
• Colorado River Indian Tribe	• Pascua Yaqui Tribe	• Tonto Apache Tribe
• Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	• Quechan Indian Tribe	• White Mountain Apache Tribe
• Fort Mojave Indian Tribe	• Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	• Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe

CURRENT PROJECTS

Listed below are federal homeland security grant programs that are available from U.S. DHS to Arizona's Tribes. Though the FFY13 current grant application period has closed, the Arizona Department of Homeland Security provides continuous outreach and support to Arizona's Tribes. Funding amounts awarded to Tribes through FFY2 013 federal homeland security grant programs are as follows.

A. State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)

The SHSGP program allows all State, County, Local, and Tribal government agencies to apply for funding to support the implementation of State Homeland Security Strategies to address the identified planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs to prevent, protect against, mitigate respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and

other catastrophic events. SHSGP also provides funding to implement initiatives that address shortfalls and deficiencies identified in the State Preparedness Report (SPR).

Accomplishment: In FFY 2013, Arizona Tribes received a total of \$65,300 in SHSGP funding. Congratulations to the following Tribes on their awards:

- San Carlos Apache Tribe - \$39,900
- White Mountain Apache Tribe - \$25,400

B. Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)

The THSGP program provides funding for directly eligible tribes to help strengthen the Nation against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. The intent of the FFY 2013 THSGP is to competitively award grant funding to assist eligible tribes in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient Nation.

Accomplishment: In FFY 2013, Arizona Tribes received a total of \$5,528,657 in THSGP funding constituting over 55% of the total nationwide allocation! Congratulations to the following Tribes on their awards:

- Ak-Chin Indian Community - \$ 281,455
- Colorado River Indian Tribes - \$656,502
- Fort Mojave Indian Tribe - \$903,400
- Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation - \$564,900
- Gila River Indian Community - \$50,000
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe - \$1,514,206
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community - \$504,840
- Tohono O'odham Nation - \$635,000
- White Mountain Apache Tribe - \$382,354

C. Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG)

The OPSG program provides funding to enhance cooperation and coordination among local, tribal, territorial, state and federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the United States' borders along routes of ingress from international borders to include travel corridors in states bordering Mexico and Canada, as well as states and territories with international water borders.

Accomplishment: In FFY 2013, Arizona Tribes received a total of \$697,050 in OPSG funding. Congratulations to the following Tribes on their awards:

- Cocopah Indian Tribe - \$231,350
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe - \$56,000
- Quechan Indian Tribe - \$78,000
- Tohono O'odham Nation - \$331,700

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